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**COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS**

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Attorney  
 Docket No.: BIH-002AX

Sir:

In re application of: COHN ET AL.

Entitled: SUTURE SYSTEM

Transmitted herewith is an **amendment** in the above-identified application. The following checked items are applicable:

[x] This is a Request for Continued Examination under §1.114; a check in the amount of \$405.00 is enclosed per §1.17(e).  
 Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ per §1.116.

[ ] Small Entity Status is asserted.

[x] A Petition for Extension of Time for 5 month(s) is hereby made under §1.136(a); a check in the amount of \$1115.00 is enclosed for the cost of such extension per §1.17.

[ ] In the event a Petition for Extension of Time is required by this paper and not otherwise provided, such Petition is hereby made and authorization is provided herewith to charge Deposit Account No. 23-0804 for the cost of such extension.

[x] Other: RCE Letter, IDS Letter, PTO/SB/08A and three references

CLAIMS AFTER AMENDMENT:	MINUS PRIOR PAID CLAIMS:	EQUALS PRESENT EXTRA CLAIMS:	RATE:	ADDITIONAL FEE:
Independent	3 - 3	= 0	x \$210.00 =	0
Total	24 - 20	= 4	x \$ 50.00 =	200.00
[ ] Multiple Dependent Claims (1st presentation)				+ \$370.00 =
SUBTOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE				200.00
Small Entity filing, divide by 2. Small Entity status must be asserted.				100.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE				100.00

[ ] No additional fee. [x] The fee has been calculated above; a check in the amount of \$100.00 is enclosed.

[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees under §1.16 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0804.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

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